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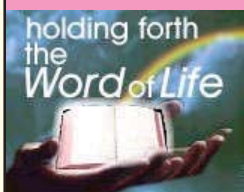
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Airlift Uplift

By Chaplain
 Lt Col Kenneth R. Elliott

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV).

Nothing shakes us to the core like a disaster. Yes, a disaster will come into your life eventually. We do not want it but it will happen, that event that we cannot control, a calamity that will leave us wondering where we are in the midst of life, wondering how to go forward. After a great storm or disaster people often ask the question, why is this happening to me? God, who dwells above sees the hills and the valleys beyond our line of sight. He is there and he knows the way through these trying times of life.

Because of this, there is one thing that you need to do above all others and that is to trust the Lord. That is what it says: "Trust the Lord". My first flight in the Air National Guard was on a C141 and we flew to Germany and back. During that flight, I had to chance to sit for a while in the cockpit area and watch the pilots in action. I am not a pilot so I had little knowledge of what they were doing. I did not worry whether they were doing the wrong thing. I knew they were the most proficient pilots in the world, because the United States Air Force had trained them. After that, I went to my seat with the other passengers and soon fell asleep. From time to time, I could feel a little turbulence. Nevertheless, I slept on. I had every confidence in the pilots, I trusted them and I knew they would not let me down. God, like these pilots, calls upon us to trust Him no matter the circumstances. He will bring us home.

God also asks you to trust him with your whole heart. You may be facing some serious stuff in your life right now. It may be the results of huge natural disaster, the anxiousness of living in a time of war, or the devastating affects of disease on you or your family. God wants you to trust him. I remember when I was a child my father took me to a park where there was a cave. We walked together into the cave and soon it was pitch dark. We could see nothing. I was quickly afraid and began to cry out. My father took my hand and said "Don't worry, your with me." He led me through total darkness and then finally we saw the light at the other end of the cave shinning through. What I did not know was that my father had been to this cave many times before and he knew the way, he knew the way to the light at the other end. It took trust on my part to follow him through. Remember God is with us when we walk through the deepest and darkest valley. Do not be anxious rather trust God with all your heart. I like another verse in the Bible, which guides us along these lines: *"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint (Isaiah 40:31 ESV).*

A WORD FROM THE COMMANDER

It is 18 October as I write this. Early this past Saturday morning we returned from the first Balad Air Evac mission that I have flown, and I have earned a new appreciation for the hard work our aircrews, A/E crews, and Maintenance folks do. Also, as I left Jackson a week ago our Task Force Katrina folks were in the process of moving to the Gulf Coast to begin assisting as those residents began returning to put life back together. Meanwhile EMEDS continues to provide medical care for the residents in Hancock County, Aircraft Maintenance continues in Turkey and Germany, and our German Stage operation to include Ops and Maintenance is continuing to move four flights a week through on the way to the AOR and back while the alert planes and crews at Ramstein are launching several missions a week. We gradually return to whatever is normal back at Jackson, putting the pieces together after the Katrina and Rita surges. It has been a gosh-awful couple of months. Incredible ops tempo and unprecedented strain on everyone to juggle the war mission and the hurricane mission, but you have done so flawlessly, safely, and with great professionalism. Thankfully our Aerial Port Flight has now returned from their mobilization and are reconstituting here. Every unit and each member who served during this time is to be commended for the way you did the incredible work you did since late August.



Col James R. White

We received good news late last week that now all of the inspections scheduled for this fall have been postponed to give us an opportunity to recover from hurricane duty. UCI and I suppose the HSI and MSET are rescheduled for September 2006. We expect the ORI, which was originally scheduled for Spring 2007, to also be delayed. But we can't relax. We still have an ESOHCAMP in early January. ESOHCAMP is a very thorough inspection of our environmental and safety programs which will be a good test of our preparation in those areas for the upcoming UCI and HSI. Do not expect this inspection to be a cakewalk. The inspectors will peer into all your corners and closets and see how you handle HAZMAT, label containers, train your people on safety, drive and use seat belts, use the HAZMAT Pharmacy, look at the state of repair and certification of all your equipment, etc, etc. You will feel like you have had a white glove inspection when this is over. Time is short to get ready.

Our gaining command, Air Mobility Command, is under new leadership. Gen John Handy mentioned the 172AW by name during his farewell address, complimenting us on our work with the C-17. Last Friday the new commander, Gen Duncan McNabb, took the reins of AMC for a new era of leadership. We look forward to serving under him.

Drill schedule for the remainder of the year will be unchanged. November UTA will be November 5th and 6th, and December drill will be November 19th and 20th as previously arranged to accommodate the UCI. So our holiday drill this year will be pre-Thanksgiving, and with a good deal more thanks-giving than it would have been had we been experiencing those inspections! We have not laid firm plans yet, but it is now time for a Wingman's Day, and I expect to take a part of the last November drill to create some down time for us to kick back, slow down, and reflect on the safety and wellness of our members. You have earned a break.

172nd AW Medical Squadron Deployed to Gulf Coast

By SrA Jeff Gibson

Forty-five more members of the 172nd Airlift Wing were deployed to the storm ravaged

Mississippi Gulf Coast on Thursday, September 1 to provide medical support and public health evaluations to the community until the reopening of The Hancock Medical Center, which was destroyed by hurricane Katrina on Aug. 29.

The 172nd Medical Group, Aeromedical Evacuation and security forces, are serving in a transportable medical center erected on the grounds of the Hancock Medical Center. The Expeditionary Medical Support (EMEDS) is serving as the only functioning hospital in Hancock County, Miss. EMEDS are also currently being used in Iraq.

“A MASH (Mobile Army Surgical Hospital) that has better

technology than the TV show had. We have the capability of having 25 patients at a time overnight,” said Col. Janet Sessums, senior officer on the ground.



Critical Care Unit



Patients waiting to be seen

The basic EMEDS package is a triage type facility. All are expandable and can accommodate 10 or 25 inpatient beds. The modular package that includes the 25 inpatient beds, known as the +25, comes with laptops, handheld radios, portable ultrasound, two operating room tables and two anesthesia machines, monitors for the ER, a critical care unit, a ward and oxygen in the form of six portable therapeutic liquid oxygen units (PTLOX), noted Sessums.

The EMEDS on the Hancock Medical Center grounds is loaned to deployment from the 190th Air Refueling Wing in Topeka, Kansas, and is the only one designated for use by

the Department of Homeland Defense. It is the first to be set up on civilian property in support of a local hospital devastated by a hurricane.

“Kansas got the package in April and we started using it in Sept. Our C17 made two trips to Kansas and delivered it to us at the CRTC in Gulfport and we had it trucked out to the Hancock Medical Center,” said Sessums.

Since the first day operations started, Sessums and 85 other medical professionals from the Mississippi, Alabama, Kansas and Delaware Air National Guards have been working 12-hour days in EMEDS.

However, beyond the EMEDS mission, the 185th Army Guard (helicopter unit) requested the support of the 172nd Med Grp to do medical evaluations at their ice and water distribution points.

Therefore, ten teams were set up using AE and the Med Grp personnel, which flew missions on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.

Lt Gen Blum named the group Joint Medical Assistance Teams and Joint Medical Evacuation Teams (JMAT and JMET).

Along with the success of JMAT, the JMET also performed two successful evacuation missions within the week.

First moving patients from Gulfport Memorial Hospital to a hospital in Panama City, Florida and by moving 30 people from a special needs shelter to the safety of a hospital prepared for them in Meridian, Miss.

Another important part of the Group’s deployment has been the efforts of Maj David Thompson, Public Health officer and Maj Victor Puckett, BEE officer, who have consistently maintained the safety and sanitation of the area’s environment.

EMEDS subject matter experts from Alpena CRTC in Mich, and the 190th ARW in Kansas, as well as the 172nd MDG (lead unit), 186th MDG, 166th MDG, 117th MDG and the 183rd AES helped with the initial set up of the EMEDS.

We have seen over 800 folks since we have been operational, averaging between 60 – 70 patients a day through the emergency room and refill around 100 prescriptions per day, added Sessums.

The EMEDS center is staffed by civilian personnel and military units from all over the country. Support services came from the Army Guard in Huntsville, AL, communication assistance from Colorado and security forces from Mississippi and Tennessee. Units have come from Pennsylvania, Oregon, Oklahoma, Missouri, New Jersey, Iowa, Maine, Montana, New Hampshire, Wisconsin, and Alabama. Civilian persons from Arizona and Kentucky have also contributed to the success of the deployment.



Aerial picture of the EMEDS hospital in Hancock County

QUARTERLY ENLISTMENTS

ENLISTMENTS

NAME	RANK	DATE OF ACC	UNIT
BAGLEY SHONE M	SRA	10-Sep-05	183 AES
BARBER LIRENA F	A1C	08-Jun-05	172 LRS
BEESON ROBERT C	SSG	24-Jun-05	172 CF
BENEFIELD STEPHANIE L	A1C	04-Jun-05	183 AES
COX JOHNATHAN L	A1C	11-Aug-05	172 CES
CRAFT LINDA G	SSG	09-Jul-05	172 CF
CRAFT STEVEN H	A1C	19-Jul-05	172 SFS
CRISLER MARSHAND K	CPT	19-Aug-05	172 SFS
CRUMP SENECA M	SSG	05-Jul-05	172 SFS
DELGADO MILAGROS	SSG	25-Jul-05	172 CES
DOBSON ALAN JR	A1C	19-Jul-05	172 MXS
DORROH MILES A	A1C	29-Jun-05	172 AMXS
DUNMORE DOROTHY D	A1C	22-Jun-05	172 APF
EBELHAR CHRISTOPHER B	A1C	25-Aug-05	172 CF
EWING MICHAEL D	SSG	10-Jul-05	172 SFS
FRASER RONALD A JR	MSG	26-Sep-05	183 AS
FRAZIER CARZEL R	AB	06-Aug-05	172 CF
GABERDIEL ROBINSON R	SRA	07-Jul-05	172 CES
GATLIN ROBBIE J	A1C	25-Aug-05	172 CF
HALL CRAIG H	A1C	17-Jun-05	172 MXS
HEARNE PHILLIP M	A1C	16-Sep-05	172 AMXS
HOLLY JOSHUA R	A1C	11-Aug-05	172 AMXS
JORDAN MARCUS T	A1C	30-Jun-05	172 MXS
LORANCE KRISTIN O	MSG	13-Jun-05	172 AMXS
LYONS JACOB A	SRA	29-Jul-05	183 AS
MARTINIE DANIEL J	MAJ	08-Jul-05	172 MDG
MAYES KEVIUS R	A1C	10-Jun-05	172 CES
MCAFEE DEMOND E	A1C	25-Jul-05	172 AMXS
MCCARDLE DAVID P	SSG	10-Sep-05	183 AES
MCCLAIN TAUREAN L	A1C	15-Jun-05	172 APF
PALMER CARLOS R	SRA	10-Sep-05	172 LRS
PARKER SHANE E	SRA	18-Aug-05	172 CF
PIERSKY BRANDY S	SRA	23-Jun-05	172 SVF
REID THOMAS B	SRA	06-Aug-05	183 AS
RIGGIN KEVIN W	A1C	19-Aug-05	172 CES
ROBINSON SHERRIE A	AB	24-Aug-05	172 MOF
SAVELL NATHAN L	SRA	16-Sep-05	172 AMXS
SIMMONS AUDRIC R	A1C	22-Jun-05	172 LRS
SMITH CARA E	A1C	04-Jun-05	183 AS
SMITH STACI N	SRA	19-Aug-05	172 CES
THOMAS MARTINEZ D	SSG	23-Aug-05	172 CES
TOLLEFSON BRIAN J	MAJ	08-Jul-05	172 MDG
TOMS BRANDON R	A1C	04-Jun-05	172 AW
TUCKER JERRY G	SSG	07-Aug-05	172 MXS
VARNELL CHARLES B	SRA	06-Aug-05	172 CES

AND PROMOTIONS - KEEPING US STRONG!

VARNELL KIMBERLY G	SRA	06-Aug-05	172 CES
WALKER STEFANIE L	A1C	28-Jun-05	172 AW
WHITAKER CHARLIE P	AB	22-Jun-05	183 AES

PROMOTIONS

UNIT	NAME	GRD	DOR
255 AIR CONTROL SQ	MEHAFFIE, ERIN L	1LT	26-Sep-05
209 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ	STARITA, CHARLES J JR	1LT	26-Sep-05
183 AIRLIFT SQ	ROCKMAN, DENISE R	1LT	26-Sep-05
183 AEROMED EVAC SQ	KOEPP, MARK E	CPT	1-Oct-05
183 AIRLIFT SQ	DEATON, KURT M	CPT	1-Oct-05
183 AEROMED EVAC SQ	GOODIN, AMY M	CPT	13-Oct-05
172 MEDICAL GP	WILLIAMS, OTIS L	SMS	1-Oct-05
172 OPERATIONS GP	WILLIAMS, ZEALYNE M	MSG	1-Oct-05
172 MEDICAL GP	WILLIAMS, FELICIA Y	MSG	1-Oct-05
172 MEDICAL GP	MCGEE, THELMA D	MSG	1-Oct-05
172 AIRLIFT CONTROL FT	MILLER, RICHARD S	MSG	5-Oct-05
172 MEDICAL GP	KINGSTON, MELVIN L JR	TSG	16-Sep-05
172 LOG READINES SQ	GIBSON, DELILA M	TSG	1-Oct-05
172 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	HAYNES, BLAKE G JR	SSG	16-Aug-05
172 LOG READINES SQ	MCDILL, SILVIA M	SSG	17-Aug-05
183 AIRLIFT SQ	DEARMAN, JOSEPH M	SSG	7-Sep-05
183 AIRLIFT SQ	CUNNINGHAM, JOSHUA K	SSG	15-Sep-05
172 LOG READINES SQ	HOSKINS, ANTHONY D	SSG	21-Sep-05
172 CIVIL ENGINEER SQ	HUDDLESTON, WILLIE D	SSG	23-Sep-05
172 AERIAL PORT FT	FLOYD, IAN E	SSG	27-Sep-05
172 AERIAL PORT FT	BRISTER, JON M	SSG	30-Sep-05
172 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	CLIFTON, DANIEL R	SRA	1-Sep-05
172 MEDICAL GP	POWELL, JENNIFER D	SRA	9-Sep-05
255 AIR CONTROL SQ	HARRIEN, MICHAEL L	SRA	10-Sep-05
172 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	JACOB, BENJAMIN D	SRA	11-Sep-05
172 SECURITY FORCES SQ	SMITH, DAVID A	SRA	13-Sep-05
172 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	HEARNE, PHILLIP M	SRA	23-Sep-05



Family Readiness & Support

Marianne Breland,
Wing Family Program Coordinator
601-405-8211

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a reaction to experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event.

Traumatic events involve:

- death or serious harm
- natural or human made disasters
- feelings of intense fear, helplessness or horror
- terrorism
- violent crime, including sexual assault
- unnatural death

Children also experience PTSD and respond in different ways:

- Reliving the event through repetitive play
- Tantrums, violent behavior
- Separation anxiety
- Regressive behavior such as thumb sucking or bed-wetting

Not everyone who experiences a traumatic event develops PTSD, but, it is important to know the signs of PTSD and how to seek help if needed!

Symptoms of PTSD include:

- Persistent memories
- Nightmares, hallucinations, and flashbacks
- Avoiding reminders that include thoughts, feelings, or conversations associated with the event, amnesia
- Trouble sleeping or concentrating
- anger, trouble showing love
- easily startled
- Unable to function with social life, family life or job
- Feeling numb, hopeless
- Feelings of guilt
- Physical symptoms of PTSD include:
 - headaches
 - stomach aches or diarrhea
 - chest pain
 - dizziness

Health problems could also cause physical symptoms and should be checked by a health-care provider.

What can you do to cope?

- Spend time with other people, support each other
- Talk about your feelings, listen to others
- Take time to grieve

- Seek support from family, friends, church, or other community resources
- Take care of yourself, eat healthy and exercise
- Get enough rest and sleep
- Practice relaxation techniques
- Do something positive like assist victims of the event
- Get away from the stress of the event, turn off the TV for a while

How to help children cope:

- Be understanding of their feelings
- Make them feel safe
- Keep usual routines
- Avoid TV images of event

Sources of help for PTSD:

VA Medical Center

601-965-5727

www.va.gov

172nd Airlift Wing Chaplains office

601-405-8486

172nd Airlift Wing Family Readiness and Resource Services

601-405-8211

marianne.breland@msjack.af.mil

Tricare

1-800-444-5445

www.tricare.osd.mil

Military OneSource

1-800-342-9647 (CONUS)

800-3429-6477 (OCONUS)

www.militaryonesource.com

User ID: military

Password: onesource

Area Physicians, mental health clinics, and churches

TALCE is There

by Lt Kat Helton

TALCE was just as busy as everyone else during these past hurricanes. CMSgt Robert Owens relayed to me that he received a call a day after the hurricane from Guard Bureau asking what can you do and what do you need?

These teams are the ones to go in, set up operations, and get everyone up and running. Here is the run down of TALCEs from other states that came into assist. The 136th ALCF from Dallas and the 137th ALCF Oklahoma City set up in Gulfport; the 173rd ALCF from Minneapolis set up at NAS, New Orleans (and will be there until Thanksgiving); the 118th ALCF out of Nashville based themselves at Stennis; and the 123rd ALCF from Louisville took the task at Alexandria, LA.

The 172nd TALCE continuously made runs to the coast re-supplying all the TALCEs and delivering provisions to those in need. They delivered clothes to the CRTG, Gulfport Memorial and Waveland hospital.

Eight members from the 172nd team stayed at Stennis to help Nashville get set up and running. They couldn't deploy any more members because of the lack of manpower, stated CMSgt Owens.

There were and still are so many people still out there helping through this tragedy of the hurricanes. Pulling together as one united team is what it is all about to complete the missions. CMSgt Owens added that Maj Karl Stark and MSgt Jin Seymour from the Guard Bureau were so much more than just supportive in accomplishing these missions.



CMSgt Robert Owens marshalling in a C130J at BelleChase NAS



TALCE operations in Bellechase NAS are pictured above and to the left.



There are more stories out there of taskings our people at the 172nd AW have completed and I want to

Want to Know Where They've Been?

Enter the Globemaster

New mission, planes arrive at Incirlik in support of OIF

By Senior Airman Jessica Switzer
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

A new mission kicked off here June 1st with the arrival and departure of the first C-17 Globemaster IIIs carrying cargo to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The new mission works on a 'hub and spoke' concept," said Lt. Col. Jim Burton, 728th Air Mobility Squadron operations officer. "It calls for cargo to come into Incirlik from Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., and go from here to several locations in Iraq. The increase to Incirlik's mission creates a higher operations tempo for the support systems and people who work on and with the aircraft deployed here and requires more aircrews, maintainers and aerial porters to support the new operation."

"The Aircrews will be here for around two weeks at a time and the support personnel will be here from anywhere between 30 and 120 days," he continued. "More people on base means there is more workload to support." The cargo hub mission moved to Incirlik from Rhein-Main AB, Germany, in an effort to conserve Air Force resources.

"It's a fuel and flying time issue," said Colonel Burton. "It is more efficient for the C-17 because the cargo is delivered closer to Iraq without going to Iraq itself. By moving it here, it is possible to move the same amount of cargo with fewer planes."

The C-17s are not permanently stationed here, the colonel said. They are here from Charleston AFB, McChord AFB, Wash., and Thompson Field, Miss. rotating in and out every two weeks.

Right now people from the 172nd Airlift Wing Thompson Field, are at Incirlik in support of cargo hub operations.

"The 172nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and others are here with personnel and equipment," said Lt. Col. Harold Mashburn, 172nd AMXS commander. The Airmen TDY to Incirlik support the mission here and abroad.

"The cargo is supporting troops in Iraq. It's primarily what we call 'general cargo,'" said Colonel Burton. "It is for sustaining operations in Iraq—things people need to keep their mission going." Right now, the cargo hub is supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, and has the ability to expand to support Operation Enduring Freedom, he said.



TSgt Russell Patterson services the # 2 hydraulic system



MSGT Douglas Spitchley prepares C-17 for refueling



TSgt Michael Cole servicing a nose tire

Rhein-Main sees last scheduled military flight

Venerable U.S. base will shut down all operations Friday

By Andrew Tilghman, Stars and Stripes
European edition, Tuesday, September 27, 2005

RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany — A gray, round-bodied jet adorned with an American flag lumbered down the runway at Rhein-Main Air Base and rose into the sky Monday, marking the final scheduled military flight to leave from the historic airfield.

The C-17, carrying airport equipment, household goods and about 25 airmen returning to Charleston, S.C., in an otherwise routine flight, departed shortly after noon, signaling the final stages of the base closure and plans to shut down all operations on Friday.

“It’s really a bittersweet kind of thing,” said Lt. Col. Michael Polhemus, commander of the 726th Air Mobility Squadron, which is finalizing its move from Rhein-Main to Spangdahlem Air Base, about 120 miles west of Frankfurt.

Aircraft capacity at Spangdahlem Air Base and Ramstein Air Base has been expanded in recent years in preparation for Rhein-Main’s closure in accordance with a 1999 agreement between the U.S. and Germany.

Officials are planning a formal farewell ceremony on Oct. 10 at the celebrated air base where American jets departed around the clock during the Berlin Airlift in 1948 and where 52 American hostages returned in 1981 after 444 days in Iranian captivity.

Known for years as “the Gateway to Europe,” Rhein-Main has been used by the U.S. military since the close of World War II. After Oct. 1, the base will revert to the German government, which plans, along with the adjacent Frankfurt International Airport, to use the property to build a new commercial air terminal.

Ramstein Air Base will become the primary transit point for troops moving from the United States to operations in the Middle East.

Before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, Rhein-Main Air Base had become “like Sleepy Hollow,” with an average of one or two flights a day, Polhemus said. But traffic at the air base picked up dramatically in recent years, peaking in March 2003 during the run-up to the invasion of Iraq. During March 2003, more than 2,000 flights landed at Rhein-Main, transporting more than 50,000 troops.

Closing the base has proven to be much more challenging than originally envisioned in 1999. However, the majority of troops will endure no inconvenience after Rhein-Main closes, Polhemus said.

The 726th Air Mobility Squadron, which handles maintenance, cargo transportation and scheduling at Rhein-Main, will be downsizing from about 212 airmen to 127 when the transition to Spangdahlem is completed next week, Polhemus said.

About 70 airmen will remain at Rhein-Main through the end of this week as commercial charter flights serving military personnel will continue.

The pilot of the C-17, Maj. Edward Evans of the 172nd Air Wing of the Mississippi Air National Guard, said he was honored by the unexpected surprise of taking the last flight out of Rhein-Main.

“To get a chance to fly the last bird out of here, it’s a special moment,” Evans said.



The last scheduled military flight from Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany, passes the Frankfurt International Airport control tower after take-off



Maj Ed Evans of the Mississippi Air National Guard piloted the last scheduled military mission out of Rhein-Main Air Base, Germany.

Job Opportunities

The 172nd **AW Civil Engineers** have two civilian state employee vacancies. The positions are two Electricians and one Heating/Air Conditioning Technician. These positions do not require military membership. We ask that everyone pass this info on to anyone they know of who may be looking for a fulltime job. The State has excellent benefits. Applicants can come to CE to get a copy of the announcement or contact Mr. Darryl Womack at HRO (601)313-6213 or Lt Col Bryant at (601)405-8377.

The 172nd **AW Security Forces Squadron** have three Resource Protection Spec open. Interested personnel can pick up an application in the SFS Admin Office or at Joint Force Headquarters (JFH). The applications, once completed will be submitted to the MS Military Dept, JFH-MS-C-HR. The job closes on 8 November 2005. For questions call (601) 405-8415.



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